

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the enclosed paper copy of the sequence listing at the end of the specification.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121 as follows (see the accompanying "marked up" version pursuant to 1.12):

17. A purified polypeptide comprising a sequence selected from the group consisting of the sequence depicted in Figure 4 SEQ ID NO:2 and function-conservative variants thereof.

18. A purified polypeptide comprising amino acids 1-45 of the sequence depicted in Figure 4 SEQ ID NO:2.

19. A method for identifying hER β -interactive compounds, said method comprising:

(a) contacting the polypeptide of claim 17 with a labelled ligand in the presence of test compounds, to form test reactions, and in the absence of test compounds, to form control reactions;

(b) incubating said test and control reactions under appropriate conditions to achieve equilibrium binding of said labelled ligand to hER β ;